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WE HAVE FOR SOME WEEKS BEEN DISCUSSING NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CONTINUING HELP LIBYA IN AREA ITS GREATEST NEED, I .E., MANPOWER SKILLS ESPECIALLY AT PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LEVEL. REFTEL, WHICH WAS JOINT EMBASSY-USAID MESSAGE, CORRECTLY SUMMARIZES OUR THINKING AND I FULLY ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.

PRESIDENTS ESSO/LIBYA, CONTINENTAL AND MARATHON HAVE ALL AFFIRMED
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TO ME OVER PAST MONTHS THEIR FEELING INTEREST AND URGENCY FINDING WAYS MORE EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISH COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND GOL.

SEEMS LIKELY THAT JOINT INSTITUTIONAL, OIL COMPANY, GOL AND USG PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE YEAR OR MORE TO DEVELOP. HOWEVER, I WOULD URGE THAT WE GET RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION AND OIL COMPANIES ACCEPT PROPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE SOONEST SO THAT WE MAY INCLUDEE IT FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN WHEELUS BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

THIS PROJECT, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP, SEEMS WHOLLY COMPATIBLE WITH MY RECOMMENDATIONS IN BAIDA TEL 116 RECOMMENDING ASSIGNMENT ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO SUPERVISE EMBASSY ECONOMIC WORK AND USAID FINANCED OPERATIONS. LIGHTNER
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